


**VFW**  
Post 10209  
Spring Hill, Florida

**BY-LAWS**  
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**Spring Hill Post 10209**  
**Veterans Of Foreign Wars Of The United States**  
**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND LOCATION OF POST**

**PART 1** By virtue of charter granted, this post shall be known as Spring Hill Post No. 10209 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

**PART 2** The location of this Post shall be in the Community of Spring Hill, County of Hernando, and State of Florida.

**ARTICLE II**

**SUBORDINATION POLICY**

**PART 1** The supreme power of this association is vested in the National Convention and this Post shall be at all times governed by the Congressional Charter and By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the By-Laws of the Department of Florida, orders issued by authority of the National Convention, National Council of Administration, The Commander-in-Chief, the Department Convention, Department Council of Administration and the Commander of the Department of Florida. For the purposes of this Article and Section, Resolutions adopted by the National Convention are held to the lawful orders.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEETING PLACE AND MEETINGS**

**PART 1** The regular meeting place of this post shall be the Post home.

**PART 2** The stated meetings of the Post shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, to be called to order at 7:30 PM

**PART 3** A change in the regular meeting place may be made by authority of the Department Commander, having first been approved at the instance of a majority vote of the members present at any meeting provided the entire Post membership has previously been given written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to such contemplated action. The appointed day and time for the Post meeting may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present at any regular meeting. The Post members and the Department Commander shall be notified of any change of the regular meeting.

**PART 4** Twenty-five (25) active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**PART 5** Special meetings may be called at accordance with the National by-laws.

**PART 6** Ladies Auxiliary may attend any given meeting, provided a written or oral request be approved by the Post Commander.

**PART 7** When a member rises to speak and is recognized by the Commander or Chair and confine him/her self to the question before the body, avoiding personalities and unbecoming language.

**PART 8** No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor longer than three minutes each time, unless the Post Commander deems it necessary to open the question for debate. No questions on which debate has been ordered closed shall be debated further. A two thirds (2/3rds) vote is required to close debate.

**PART 9** No member shall in debate, impeach the motives of a fellow member or treat him with disrespect or pass between him and the Chair while speaking.

**PART 10** Any conversations considered to be disruptive by the presiding officer shall be deemed a violation of order, and if persisted in, the offending member shall be reprimanded by the presiding officer and may be ordered to retire from the room. Failure to comply with said order might subject a member for trial for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

**PART 11** The Post Members at any regular meeting by a two thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present declare vacant the position of any Post elected officer.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**PART 1** Membership in this Post, eligibility to application for acquiring and maintenance of loss of and discipline shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National by-laws.

**PART 2** The admission fee to this Post will be one dollar (\$1.00)

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**PART 3** The annual dues of this Post shall be paid per year in accordance with the National and Department by-laws and orders

## **ARTICLE V**

### **NATIONAL RULES**

**PART 1** The officers of this Post, eligibility to nomination, election or appointment, installation and term of office shall be in accordance with the provisions of the National by-laws.

**PART 2** The duties of all officers shall be those prescribed by National and Department by-laws. Lawful Orders, as the Post may direct and these by-laws may direct and as these by-laws in this article may hereafter provide with manual of procedure.

**PART 3** When this Post is the occupant of quarters of which it is the owner or lessee, the Commander at the beginning, with the first meeting in July, appoint a house committee of at least 3 and not more than seven members, one of which shall be designated as Chairman by the Commander ( The Commander is exofficial of all Committees.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **COMMITTEES AND DUTIES**

**PART 1** All committees and their chairman, unless otherwise provided, shall be appointed by the Commander as promptly as possible after election to office, and as such shall serve at his will and pleasure. The Post Quartermaster, by virtue of his office, shall be treasurer of all committees handling funds.

**PART 2** The standing committees of the post shall be as follows, with at least two, except for the house committee which shall have at least three not more than seven members, finance and planning not less than three

members and bingo committee with three members. Membership, publicity, entertainment, bingo, memorial, community activities, poppy, relief, finance and planning, hospital, house and voice of democracy.

**PART 3** Officers meetings, to consist of elected or appointed officers, trustees, Committee Chairman and Past Post Commander. The officers will meet prior to the first regular meeting of each month and at such other times as deemed necessary by the Commander. The Commander is exofficial of all Committees.

### **PART 4** House Committee:

1. The house committee will consist of at least three, not more than seven members.

2. The Committee, shall be responsible for the cleanliness and the upkeep of the Post grounds. Post Home and the equipment therein.

3. The Committee shall be in charge of the sub-rental of Post quarters and shall exercise such supervision over sub-renters as will insure protection of the Post's name and property.

4. The Committee may authorize such expenditures for minor repairs and as maybe necessary for the prevention and protection of the Post's quarters and it's equipment and, provided that the total amount so expended between any two regular meetings shall not exceed \$500.00. Major emergency repairs at the discretion of a special officer meeting as called by the Commander and not to be reported at the next regular meeting not to exceed \$5,000.00.

5. All moneys received by the Committee through the sub-rentals of the Post quarters or other sources shall be deposited with the Post Quartermaster within 24 hours after receipt of moneys.

6. All the expenditures of the Committee shall be made only by regular vouchers and checks drawn by the Quartermaster. All checks shall be signed by the Post Quartermaster and countersigned by the Post Commander.

7. The House Committee shall keep a record of all it's receipts and expenditures and shall at every meeting of the Post report all moneys received and all expenditures made since the last meeting

8. Cash count must be verified by two or more Committee members.

## **BY-LAWS CONTINUED ARTICLE VI**

9. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, State of Florida, rules and regulations for the operation of clubrooms and activities by Posts in the State of Florida must be abided by.

10. No Post property shall be given or sold without permission of the Post membership.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SUBSIDIARY UNITS**

**PART 1** The adoption and voting membership of a subsidiary unit shall be confined to members in good standing in this Post or subordinate groups.

**PART 2** All equipment issued to or acquired by any subsidiary unit shall be and remain the property of this Post.

**PART 3** No rules or regulations adopted by any subsidiary unit shall be in conflict with the National by-laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, or the by-laws of this Post.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS**

**PART 1** Expenditures of funds shall be made only by proper voucher drawn by the Adjutant. All checks for the expenditure of the Post funds shall be numbered in sequence, the number of each check to correspond to the voucher authorizing the same and must be signed by both the Quartermaster, and the Post Commander.

**PART 2** The adoption of this article shall constitute authorization by three Post members for payment of bills, when and as due and for janitorial supplies and minor emergency repairs authorized by the house committee.

**PART 3** No payment of expenditure other than mentioned shall be made except under specific authorization of the Post in each and every case.

**PART 4** Pay all obligations to all National, department and district when due.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **COMPENSATION**

**PART 1** The Quartermaster shall receive compensation for his services, such as the Post members may approve, this approval is to be on a yearly base.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **FUND RAISING PROMOTIONS**

**PART 1** This Post shall solicit funds or donations only by prior vote of the members agreeing to the proposition. the Post shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post.

**PART 2** Fund-raising organizations or individuals conducting solicitations, activities or projects for a profit shall not engaged or used by the Post for such purpose unless such engagement is made by written agreement between the Post and the organization of individuals providing those services. The form of any such written agreement must be submitted to the Department Commander for review at least thirty (30) days prior to any Post entering into any such agreement.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**PART 1** Every member of this Post will keep the Adjutant or Quartermaster advised of his/her current address by promptly reporting any change of it.

**PART 2** A copy of the by-laws and amendments to the by-laws shall be available at the Post.

**PART 3** In all Post procedure not provided for by the Congressional Charter and By-Laws or these By-Laws, Demeter's Manual shall be the authority, and it shall be the duty of the Post Advocate, in an advisory way, when called upon to do so by the Post Commander to advise the Post Commander on the proper rule or rules.

**PART 4** Minors, under the age specified by the laws of the State of Florida may not play pool or loiter in the room where such games are played even though they are with a member of the Post.

**BY-LAWS CONTINUED ARTICLE XI**

**PART 5** The names and addresses of the members of this Post shall be considered confidential and shall not be made available for commercial or political use.

**PART 6** The members shall be responsible for the conduct of their guest.

**PART 7** All ladies of the Auxiliary who are paid members shall receive full canteen privileges

**PART 8** Expenses for the Commander shall be for moneys expended during the month for his representation of our Post. The funds may not exceed the amount approved by the Post membership. The Commander can appropriate \$50.00 at his discretion.

**PART 9** Emergency donations at the discretion of the investigating committee and the Post Commander shall not exceed \$500.00 per month allocated for food and or medication only.

**PART 10** The outgoing Commander shall not obligate the incoming Commander any expenses or obligations.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**AMENDMENTS**

**PART 1** Unless otherwise provided for in Post By-Laws, these By-Laws may be amended by the Post by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the members present at a stated meeting thereof provided, however, such amendments have been read at the preceding stated meeting and each member notified, at least seven (7) days in advance by first class mail, of the contents of the amendments and the date on which the proposed amendments are to be presented for adoption. All amendments shall be forwarded through channels and reviewed by the Department Commander and the Commander-in Chief before becoming effective.

**PART 2** These By-Laws include amendments submitted in writing at the regular Post meeting July 23rd 1998 and August 27th 1998 and were approved by a majority vote at the next regular meeting August 27th 1998 as required by article 12, part 1 of the current By-Laws. Amendments submitted to department and approved by department.

Attested to by:

Post Commander

Edward R. Noll  
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Post Quartermaster

John D. Catcher  
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Post Adjutant

Skip Larimore  
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